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Shopping at Home.

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day Gifts.

CLEAR MAJORITY

Men Opposed to New Government Plan Upset by Aldermanic Poll.

WHITTET STILL SILENT

President of Board Gives No In timation as to How He Will Rul?

The Times-Dispatch poll, printed yesterday, showing a clear majority in the Board of Aidermen in favor both of the plan of redistricting the city into four wards and of the creation of an administrative board, proved a bombshell to some pollificians and others who from the time the plan was first presented have been predicting that it might go through the Common Council were sufficient pressure exerted, but would inevitably be killed in the upper branch.

The poll on the plan to redistrict the city into four wards, which will save the practical result of reducing the membership of the Common Council from forty to twenty, and of the Board of Aidermen from twenty-four to wards, where the polar of the following the forest the following the forest contains the following the following the forest contains the following the The Times-Dispatch roll, printed ves

Reavy, Gilman, Grundy, Gunst, Hobson, Kain, Mitchell, Moncure, Moere and Remoids, and opposed to the plan, Mossra, Atkinson, Billey, Donahoe, Grimes, Patram and Perdue. Several

Messrs. Atkinson. Billey. Donahoe, Grimes. Patram and Perdue. Several of those opposed agree that the Council is too large, and say that they would favor redistricting the city into eight wards, on a basis of 16,000 population each, with reduced representation from each ward, were it practicable to secure such charter amendments in time for the spring primary.

Fifteen for Administrative Board.
For the principle of creation of an administrative board there is a much larger majority, fifteen members having indicated their intention of voting for such a plan, four along the line of the Hirschberg substitute and eleven for the original committee plan, eliminating the Fire, Police and Health Departments at this time. Those favoring the committee plan are Mossrs. Bennett, Billey, Butler, Don Leavy, Gliman, Gunst, Kain, Moncure, Moore, Perdue and Rennolds; those favoring the substitute are Messrs. Grundy, Hobson, Mitchell and Patram. Only three announced themselves as against the administrative board—Messrs. Adams, Grimes and Donahoe—and of these Mr. Adams said he would favor it were the commissioners appointed instead of being elected from the city at large. Of the entire Board, Mr. Grimes was the only one favoring the Mills referendum plan of submitting the whole issue to a popular vote, Of these indicating their preferency for the original plan of administrative board, the following took occasion to place the subsuccess of the whole movement: Messra Perdue, Gliman, Gunst, Moore, Bennett, Don Leavy and Kain. Combined with the four out and out advocates of the Hirschberg substitute, this gives eleven who will vote to take the whole ordinance as it comes from the Council, rather than endanger the plan of reform. Mr. Billey indicated that he was for an administrative board only if the Fire, Police and Health Departments were left out, and Messrs. Moncure, Itennoids and Butler did not indicate whether they would fall in with the majority and accept the substitute rather than risk the delays and dangers of further amendment were the paper to go back to the Common Council. It would appear from the politaken, therefore, that all that the advocates of the new plan of government have to do to win is to agree on a definite line of netion, unify their forces, and vote down consistently all weakfour out and out advocates of the and vote down consistently all weak-ening and obstructive amendments however innocent they might appear

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Whittet Maintains Silence.

President Robert Whittet, of the foard of Aldermen, has preserved a phinx-like silence in regard to his at-litude on the pending propositions, even his intimate friends not claiming even his intimate friends not claiming the how he will vote. Though he made it has been two papers require for their a two-thirds vote. This is eters, of the Common Council, and ontrary to a written opinion since ren-

Corn Boys Go to Washington,
John A. Johnson, Jr. of Jarrati's,
Sussex county, the State's biggest corn
raiser on one acre for the year, with
the prize winners from North Carolina and South Carolina, passed
through the city just night on the way
to Washington. The three, with the boys from other Southern States, will celebrate in the capital for a week, being shown everything to be seen by O. B. Martin, of the Bureau of Plant

This is one of the prizes captured by



BOYS WON'T STEAL BARRELS IF FOLK WILL COME ACROSS

IN UPPER BRANCH But They Will Get Bonfire Material Even if They Are Forced to Steal-Make Big Plans for Christmas Blaze.

Freferring to have the barrels and boxes for their Christmas bonfires given them than to be forced to steal the much-needed material, two boys went Saturday afternoon into the store of Magistrate J. A. Purdle and presented a monster potition, asking that all unused boxes and barrels be given them for the annual celebration.

"Give the boxes and barrels to us, so that we won't have to steal them," and then watch for the new supply, the petition read. Mr. Purdle was not

"Give the boxes and barrels to us, so that we won't have to steal them," the petition read. Mr. Purdle was not in. Miss Bernice Purdle, his daughter, was in at the time, and she afterwards advised her father to hand out a few barrels. Rather give away a few than have all taken from him, 'Squire Purdle has sent a message to the boys that they may call and receive such bonfire material as he has to spare. Last year he had his all stolen from him. This time he will profit by experience.

Following this, several Church Hill boys went to the home of Sergeant

boys went to the home of Sergeant Kerse and asked him if they might use his stable for storage purposes. "Why, I though you had a place,"

Only the other night Policeman Dunr chased a crowd of boys carrying off load of barrels, and found one of his own in the lot. He wisely left it in nearby alley, so that the boys could return and get it.

"I've got some more at home," he re-marked, "and I'll let 'em have this one." Thereby he saved the Fest. He remembers the time when he was a boy himself—a fact which some people

in their later years forget

CARRINGTON WILL CLUB NOT DIVIDED

Twice-Ousted Prison Surgeon to Business Men's Organization Seek Further Relief From Court.

Dr. Charles V. Carrington, twice ousted surgeon of the State Penitentiary, said last night that he would take no further steps to force the

that position.

After the Council adopted the Hirschsecond mandamus will be asked for."

Dr. Carrington said that he had by
no means given up his fight for reinstatement, and to secure from the
State Auditor what he claims to be
his salary for November and December, the term of the office legally expiring January 1. The stand which
he maintains that the board failed
to comply with the court's order.

The Council adopted the Hirschberg substitute, identical in every replan of the committee, save that it include the Fire. Police and Health Departments, the board of directors of
the Business Men's Club decided to
stand by the special committee, the
belief being then expressed that the
mendments were merely offered to

Negro Rowdy Subdued by Conductor and Others While

After a terrific fight, H. S. Vaughan

the arrival of Police Officer Grinds.
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RAID WOMAN'S HOUSE

passed Henricita Martin, Colored, Charged the way With Selling Beer and Whiskey.

Headed by Delective-Sergeant Will shire, a force of police last night de-scended on the home of Henrietta Mar-tin, colored, of 718 Rates Street, and arrested her and ten others found in

Henrietta was charged with running

Parole Young Offender,
Luther Harris (colored) was stabbed
by another negro at Jail Alley and
Broad Streets early yesterday morning, and charged "Sonny" Harris, a
ten-year-old boy, with the crime. old boy, with the crime was caught by the police but, owing to his age, was paroled for his appearance in Police Court this morning,

Stands Pat and No Meeting Has Been Called

create the impression that the business men of Richmond had divided on take no further steps to force the board of directors to reinstate him in office until Judge R. Carter Scott, in the City Circuit Court, is asked tomorrow morning whether the directors had compiled with the order which he entered in the case.

Judge Scott last week held that Dr. Carrington had been removed from office by the board in October without due process of law. In summoning Dr. Carrington to appear before it last Saturday to answer a charge of insubordination and which the board decided it proved, and then dismissed him a second time, the governing body of the penitentiary was convinced that it had compiled with the court's order.

"The board thinks that it has dodged the order of the court," said Dr. Carrington, "and this is a question which my attorneys will ask Judge Scott to decide on Tuesday morning. If the court decides in favor of the board a second mandamus will be asked for."

Dr. Carrington said that he had by Doctor changing the form of sovernment were effectually answered sovernment were effectually answered systematy were effectually answered systemay when Secretary C. P. Waltord, Jr., of the Business Men's Club stated that the club had not in any stated that the club had not in any way receded from the position it took at a mass-meeting several weeks ago, when more than 300 members, by a rising vote, expressed their indorsement of the plan of dividing the city into four wards and of the creation of an administrative board. Similar action was taken a few nights later by a mass-meeting of about 660 mem to the plan of the position it took at a mass-meeting several weeks ago, when more than 300 members, by a rising vote, expressed their indorsement of the plan of dividing the city into four wards and of the creation of an administrative board. Similar action was taken a few nights later by a mass-meeting of about 660 mem to the plan of the position it took at a mass-meeting several weeks ago, when more than 300 members, by a rising vote, expressed their indorsement of the plan of the city into the issue for changing the form of

stand by the special committee, the belief being then expressed that the amendments were merely effered to overload and defeat the proposition. Since then the whole movement has gained weight, and the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce a few days ago, without taking formal action, was of the opinion that the simpler and safer plan was to fight right on for concurrence in both papers as they come from the Council, thus ending the matter once and for all. 21r. Walford explained that the board was without authority to speak for the Business Men's Club in a matter which had been determined by mass-meeting, and so far as he has been able to gather, both the board and membership stand firm for the redistricting into four wards and the creation of the administrative board, whether control of the Police and Fire Departments are given to it now or latter, that being a mere detail of the conductor on the Seventeenth Street ine of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, succeeded, with the aid of passengers, last night in subduing and holding C. Copeiand (colored) until the arrival of Police Officer Griffin.

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Mr. Walford added that notices published Saturday afternoon that a mass-meeting of the Business Men's Club

It may be added that boys do no look upon the taking of a barrel as stealing. It is the privileged petit lar-ceny of youth, and is not placed in

WE NOTICE

in the various bank statements published in the last few days

a decided increase in business for the past three months. The

statements show, not only to the citizens of Richmond, but

to the country at large that the banks of our city are among

the strongest and most progressive in the country. The peo-

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vidual deposits during the next three months. In fact, we

want you to help increase them to-day. Your money with us grows at 3 per cent, compound interest and you get .

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MERCHANTS FIND SOLID CONCRETE TRADE ALL RIGHT PIERS FOR BRIDGE

Find Comfort, Too, in Fact That Four Massives Ones in Place on Which River Structure Will Stand.

MANY TOTE THEIR BUNDLES SAFE AGAINST ATTACKS

Prevailing Idea Is to Buy Some-New Mayo Bridge Will Withstand Freshets and Ice. Work Being Rushed.

Only a woman can appreciate the wonderful assortment of trinkets displayed by Richmond merchants for the holiday trade. Shelves and counters and windows are filled with every variety of things suitable for the Christmas season, and after gazing for hours, still unable to decide, shoppers are forced to admit that there isn't any sense in sending away from home for that which is offered here. As far as that goes, however, the tendency newadays is to buy at home, for wise buyers have been convinced at last that it is better to have all wool and a yard wide than a New York tag. "Oh, yes, they are shopping early, "Oh, yes, they are shopping early, all right," said a merchant last night. Four masive piers of solid concrete, sixty feet across the top, now stands in James River, between Mayo's Island and the north shore, as the nucleus of the imposing and permanent concrete roadway which the city is now building to replace old Mayo's Bridge. Preparations are all made for a fifth pler, debris and sand having been removed within a coffer dam, down to the solid rock formation. Into this holes have been drilled and steel dowel pins inserted, around which the concrete of a new pier will be poured to-day. So far as can be anticipated, the new structure is being anchored in place beyond the power of freshet or lee floe. The pier to be begun to-day goos five feet deeper below the river bed than the former stone pile which it replaces, examination within the coffer dam having shown that the old piers were piled loosely on old material of a former bridge, loose rock and the usual accumulation of freshets. Much difficulty has been experienced in removing all this, and laying bare a smooth surface of bed rock on which to found the new structure, which, if erected as is proposed, should stand firm for many generations. and the north shore, as the nucleus a yard wide than a New York tag.

"Oh, yes, they are shopping early, all right," said a merchant last night, but they could shop a bit more lively. You see, Christmas is almost at hand. Trade has been unusually good, our customers select what they want with little loss of time, and, all things considered, we are glad of the record thus far. Moreover, it would surprise you to know that a great many women who come in and buy small articles take them home, thus saving time and worry and relieving to some extent the delivery burden, which is also a prob-

To Complete by Sections.

them home, thus saving time and worry and relieving to some extent the delivery burden, which is also a problem. There was a time when people refused to tote a spool of thread, but with these big, handbags and automobiles they have got into the habit of carrying what they buy, and when that becomes a bit more fashionable it may revolutionize this holiday rush. "What product or specialty is most in popular demand? Why that is a hard question. You see, styles change, and after all it depends on the amount of money a person has to spend on somebody else. Of course, there are a great many specials—odds and ends—that are gobbled up as fast as they can be displayed, but I have given this matter some little study during the past ten days, and I find that the prevailing idea is to buy something serviceable. People are getting to be quite practical these days, and when they are shaving expenses here and cutting expenses there they are not inclined to spend money on foolish things which are of no lasting value or service. When this spirit grows as it should the old Christmas clears will turnble out of the loke column. Many ble out of the loke column. Many No start has as yet been made on the arches, which will rise ten feet above the present piers, each arch having a seventy-one-foot span. The portion of the bridge between Richmond and Mayo's Island will be practically completed before the old section is tern away toward the south, as it is now being utilized for the transportation of material and supplies. it is now being utilized for the trait

Although the contract calls for completion within twelve months from
July 7, it is doubtful whether, with
the utmost dispatch the structure can
be opened for travel in that time, especially since after the present contract is completed, expensive work
quist be done to arrange proper approaches into Fourteenth Street on the
north and into Hull Street on the
south. Dilatory action on the part
of the Committee on Streets is provproaches into Fourteenth Street on the north and into Hull Street on the south. Dilatory action on the part of the Committee on Streets is proveing only factor of delay for which the contracting firm, I. J. Smith & Co., Inc., cannot be held responsible. Eight weeks ago City Engineer Charles E. Bolling reported to the Committee on Streets plans for retaining walls for the embankment across Mayo's Island The papers went to the subcommittee on New Bridge, which has had no meeting. One was called last month, but it chanced to be circus day, and five of the seven members falled to show up, and no effort has since been made to get a meeting. It was especially desired that this plan he passed upon by the Committee on Streets, so that the large force of workmen engaged on the job might be utilized on the island on days when high water prevents construction in the river. As it is, the force has to be laid off during each rise of water, resulting in just that much delay on the job as a whole.

Light Steel Skeleton G. McAllister Bowers, formerly an assistant in the office of the City Engineer, is the supervising engineer for the city, with two concrete inspectors, Mr. Bowers has charge of the location of the work, according to plans prepared by the Concrete Steel Engineering Company of New York.

Democrats Agree That Henry

Stuart Worked Marvelous
Changes.

"Of whatever shade of political epinon, the Democrats of the Ninth District are unanimous in giving to Henry C. Stuart most of the credit for the vasily improved conditions of party affairs in that section." said A. H. Williams, of Wytheville, at Murphy's last night. "Up to the time of his nomination for Congress the party was defeated, disorganized, demornlized. The organization which he effected has put new life into the situation, heartened every Democrat, and resulted in the fine showing made at the recent general election, when the district went Democratics. The results of the situation of the arches. Under this system a light steel skeleton of the arches. Under this system a light steel skeleton of the spring a complete bridge, around which ing a complete bridge, around which

which are advertising our wares. The goods in stock justify this home-buying, and it means, of course, that the display each year will be greater, more claborate and more beautiful."

should the old Christmas necktle and the old Christmas cigars will tumble out of the joke column Many a husband has received a box of cigars, when he would have much preferred a box of socks, and while some women would rather have a jabot than a box of handkerchiefs, we must admit that they are vain and hard to please. "But I will say for the merchants that they are impressed by the fact that Richmond people have found that they could work to their own profit and advantage by buying Christmas gifts at home. It speaks well for the

for Cornelius. Cornelius is charged with cutting Wash Owens. But who christened Cornelius the police do not know, neither does Wash. All that Wash knew was that a man named Cornelius cut him, and he wants Cornelius arrested. There is a police officer named Cornelius, but, fortunately they call him by another name

omeer named Cornelius, but, fortun-ately, they call him by another name. Freeman Jones (colored) was struck in the head yesterday with a brick by some kind frieid. Dr. Crowgey looked at the wound, and applied a bandage and a few soothing words. Freeman immediately felt better.

END NOT YET

Internal Revenue Investigation Being Quietly Conducted.

The end of the investigation which was began last week by Revenue Agent L. G. Nutt, who was sent here from Pittsburgh by the Commissioner of asternal Revenue to find out, if pos-sible, whether differences existed be-tween the office of Revenue Agent Chapman and Collector Lowry, so far is not in sight,

is not in sight.

Mr. Nutt has gone quietly ahead with his work of taking depositions from the members of the field and forces of both offices, examining various records and otherwise securing evidence which will probably lead to the information which is desired by the department.

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FAMOUS WAR SPY HARVARD CLUB TO LEAPS TO DEATH AID VIRGINI

Pryce Lewis Once Sentenced to Be Hanged While in Old Henrico Jail.

Nineteen months in Libby Prison, and Nineteen months in Libby Prison, and later a long term in the old Honrico county jail, under sentence of death, were two incidents in the life of Pryce Lowis, eighty-three years old, who leaped to his death last Wednesday from the top of the Pulitzer Building, in New York. Famous as a war spy in New York. Famous as a war spy in the employ of the Federal government, he was a heiliant figure in a ment, he was a brilliant figure in a number of plots and counter-plots en-acted in the immediate neighborhood of Richmond.

onstabulary in Richmond. Condemned o death as a spy, he lay for nineteen months in the dungeons of Castle Thunder and, Libby Prison. During this first incurceration, it is related, he twice heard the hammering on the scaffold where he was to

mering on the scaffold where he was to hang the next morning.

In some manner he obtained his release, and Richmond saw him no more for a period of two years. During this interval he was busliy employed in the employ of the Pinkertons, who were then in charge of the Secret Service.

Confined in Henrieo Jall.

His second arrest in this city occurred when he arrived on another secret mission for the Pinkertons. He presended to be a Confederate spy, but his disguise was read by the wife of Senator Morton, of Florida, whom he had once arrested in Washington. She informed the authorities of his true character, and he was promptly lodged in the old Henrico Jall.

He was tried by court-martial and BERMUDA

Henrico Jall.

He was tried by court-martial and sentenced to be hanged. A long diplomatic wrangle followed, and Lowis finally appealed to the British consul, who obtained his release at the last

SERVICE FOR RED MEN

memorial spirit of the occasion.

Dr. J. B. Hutson, pastor of the church, preached an eloquent sermon, taking for his leading thought the motto, "Freedom, Friendship and Charity," the expressed ideals of the Order of Red Men. He spoke with feeling of the good work of the organization and the unselfsh aims which protect it, paying a tribute at the same time to the memory of the men who have departed this life during the past twelve months. ing the past twelve months

acted in the immediate neighborhood of Richmond.

His life story reads like a chapter from a romance by the cider Dumas. Disguised as an English nobleman, and riding in a magnificent carriage, he toured the border States of the South and gathered information which is said to have given the Union army its first success after the battle of Bull Run. An Englishman by birth, he fitted well into the role of "Lord Tracy," the name under which the distinguished gentleman, in silk hat and clothes of the latest English cut, traveled.

Captured in Richmond.

It was shortly after his "Lord Tracy" tour, and while in the employ of the United States Secret Service, that Lewis fell into the hands of the Confederate constabulary in Richmond. Condemned

Dr. Hutson Prenches Sermon at An-Dr. Hutson Prenches Sermon at Annual Memorial Ceremony.

The regular Sunday services in the Pine Street Baptist Church took the added character yesterday of a memorial service in honor of the dead of the Improved Order of Red Men. The members of the organization attended in a body, taking seate reserved for them in the church. Special music was provided and the rest of the services arranged in keeping with the vices arranged in keeping with the memorial spirit of the occasion.

Judge George J. Hundley, of the Fifth Circuit, a veteran jurist, was here last night from his home at Farmville. He will go to Bucking-

Scholarship for Boys From This State.

A scholarship from Virginia in Harvard College will probably be established shortly as a result of a resolution passed unanimously by the Harvard Club of Virginia at its third
annual dinner at the Commonwealth
Club Saturday night. The increasing
representation from the Old Dominion
at the institution in Cambridge was
one of the facts which inspired this
action, and the purpose of the proposed scholarship is to give aid and
an opportunity to the boys who otherwise could not go to Harvard for their
education. The Virginians attending
Harvard have very generally mado
excellent records, and two of the five
flumrill scholarships for Southern students were last year awarded to Virginians.

At the annual meeting, Dr. Walter

At the annual meeting, Dr. Walter S. McNeill, professor of law in Richmond College, presided. A number of messages of greeting from various prominent members of the faculty were read by Secretary W. P. Dickey, and several matters of organization and routine were taken up.

The elections resulted in the choice of the following officers: A. P. Page, Norfolk, president: Dr. Tom Peete Cross, of Sweethrier College: Professor Clement C. Read, of the John Marshall High School, and Rion McKissick, of Richmond, vice-presidents: W. P. Dickey, Richmond, secretary and treasurer.

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